

645—101.7(156) Funeral establishment license or cremation establishment license or both establishment licenses.

101.7(1) Any person or any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, voluntary organization or any other entity doing business in this state may erect, maintain, and operate a funeral establishment, cremation establishment, or both establishments, provided the necessary appliances and facilities for the care, preparation and disposition of human remains are in place and proper licenses are obtained and maintained.

a. A funeral establishment, a cremation establishment, or a combined funeral and cremation establishment shall not be operated until it has obtained a license from the board. Such an establishment shall timely renew the license in order to continue operations.

b. A funeral or cremation establishment shall surrender its license to the board if it fails to engage in or ceases to engage in the business for which the license was issued, pursuant to Iowa Code section 156.15(2) “*d.*”

c. A funeral or cremation establishment license is not transferable or assignable.

d. A change in ownership shall require the issuance of a new license. A change in ownership shall be reported to the board prior to the date ownership will change or, in the case of change of ownership by death or other unexpected event, within 30 days following change of ownership. The board may request legal proof of the ownership transfer. A change in ownership shall be defined as any change of controlling interest in any corporation or other business entity.

e. An establishment license shall be issued for a specific physical location. A change in location or site of an establishment shall require the submission of an application for a new license and payment of the fee required by 645—subrule 105.1(9). A new establishment license must be issued prior to the commencement of business in a new location.

f. A change in the name of an establishment shall be reported to the board within 30 days. The establishment owner shall pay the fee for reissuing the certificate.

g. A change in address or of the funeral director in responsible charge shall be reported to the board within 30 days.

h. An establishment shall have an employment or other relationship with one or more licensed funeral directors who shall perform all mortuary science services for which licensure as a funeral director is required by Iowa Code chapter 156. A cremation establishment is not, however, required to employ or contract with a funeral director on an ongoing basis because a cremation establishment shall not offer services directly to the general public. When a funeral establishment has an employment or other relationship with multiple funeral directors, the funeral establishment shall designate the funeral director who shall be in responsible charge of all mortuary science services performed at the funeral establishment. The funeral establishment shall report to the board any change of the funeral director in responsible charge within 30 days of the change.

i. All funeral or cremation establishments shall maintain the necessary appliances and facilities for the care, preparation and disposition of human remains as are required by all applicable federal, state or local laws, rules, and ordinances. An establishment license shall not be issued to a person or business entity that does not maintain a business at the physical location for which the license was issued.

j. The board shall not routinely issue more than one establishment license for a single location, but the board may do so if the multiple applicants provide proof, satisfactory to the board, that the establishments are wholly separate except for the sharing of facilities. If the board issues more than one establishment license for a single location, the licensees shall ensure that the public will not be confused or deceived as to the establishment with which the public is interacting. A facility may have a funeral establishment license and a separate cremation establishment license at a single location.

k. The establishment license shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the location of the establishment.

l. Failure to comply with any of these rules shall constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to 645—Chapter 103 or civil penalties for unlicensed practice pursuant to 645—Chapter 104.

101.7(2) A funeral establishment, cremation establishment, or both establishments shall be subject to applicable local, state and federal health and environmental requirements and shall obtain all necessary licenses and permits from the agencies with jurisdiction.

101.7(3) License application. An application for a funeral establishment license, cremation establishment license, or both establishment licenses shall be in writing on forms furnished by the board and shall be accompanied by the funeral or cremation establishment fee. The application shall contain all of the following:

- a.* The name, mailing address and telephone number of the applicant.
- b.* The physical location of the establishment.
- c.* The mailing address, telephone number, fax and E-mail address of the establishment.
- d.* The name, home address and telephone number of the individual in charge who has the authority and responsibility for the establishment's compliance with laws and rules pertaining to the operation of the establishment.
- e.* The name and address of all owners and managers of the establishment (e.g., sole proprietor, partner, director, officer, managing partner, member, or shareholder with 10 percent or more of the stock).
- f.* The legal name of the establishment and all trade names, assumed names, or other names used by the establishment.
- g.* The signature of the responsible authority at the site of the establishment and an acknowledgment of the funeral director in responsible charge of mortuary science services at the funeral establishment that the funeral director is aware of and consents to the designation.
- h.* The names and license numbers of all funeral directors employed by or associated with the establishment through contract or otherwise who provide mortuary science services at or for the establishment. When a funeral establishment has an employment or other relationship with multiple funeral directors, the funeral establishment shall designate the funeral director who shall be in responsible charge of all mortuary science services performed at the funeral establishment. No funeral establishment shall be issued a license if it fails to designate the funeral director in responsible charge of the mortuary science services to be performed at the establishment.
- i.* All felony or misdemeanor convictions of the applicant and all owners and managing officers of the applicant (except minor traffic offenses with fines of less than \$500).
- j.* All disciplinary actions against any professional or occupational license of the applicant by any jurisdiction including, but not limited to, disciplinary action by the Iowa insurance division under Iowa Code chapter 523A or 523I, or action by the Federal Trade Commission.
- k.* Further information that the board may reasonably require, such as whether the establishment includes a preparation room.